

# Campus Candor

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Today is double feature day on the university campus. At 10:15 in the coliseum this morning the university will celebrate its 69th year of providing higher education to the dotting youths of Nebraska and surrounding states. Then this afternoon the mighty Board of Regents will meet and "definitely take up" the problem of annexing the Great Cathedral Choir as a part of that university that received its charter 69 years ago today.

The charter day program will be a treat in whatever way you look at it. Those of us who go will enjoy hearing and seeing the famed Dorothy Canfield Fisher. But many of us will not go. We never do. Can you remember when the Student Council sponsored a forum several months ago? One would have had to stretch his imagination to have seen more than 70 students there. And classes had been dismissed for the affair.

### There's Real Meaning.

You know, it seems like those two words, "classes dismissed," have more importance to the majority of students than all the color or mystery which we could add to a sentence inculcating the words "charter day." Plans are formulated for a week in advance because of the fact that there will be no 10 or 11 o'clock classes. Many who have classes earlier in the morning will go home to enjoy themselves. Those who had no early morning classes and had their "classes dismissed" will, no doubt, stay home and sleep.

And they have an argument there. We doubt if half of the students at any institution of higher learning get enough sleep—that is, as much as they believe they need. A small majority of students, we'll wager, get to bed before midnight. Often, however, the cause does not lie in books and papers.

### Students Want Choir.

The second feature on the agenda will occur this afternoon with the meeting of the Board of Regents. At that time the board will decide whether or not they can see fit to have the Lincoln Cathedral Choir a part of the university. And this, to most students, is the most important feature of the day.

Most university students are interested in their school, whether they like it or not. Most students on this campus are interested in seeing the Lincoln Cathedral Choir annexed into this institution. Most students, we believe, realize the advantages that the Choir could bring to the university.

### A Big Favor.

What could be better than to have a nationally-known choir that we could call our own? We feel that the Choir would be doing us a favor by allowing itself to be a part of our group. A self-supporting organization that asks for nothing more than a room in which to practice and bring its friends, is an advantage to any institution. We know that any departmental jealousies which could only possibly arise would not interfere with such a great undertaking as this.

And so, here's to Charter Day, "classes dismissed" day, and double feature day. May you sleep and enjoy, attend and enjoy, and wonder—wonder if this institution is going to get something that will put it on the map.

"One rarely finds a European college student working his way thru school. Even if we should get a job, it is very probable we would not get money for it. Our pay would be the valuable experience we received from the job." Robert Forster, foreign exchange student from Switzerland at Ohio State university, praises the initiative of American students who work their way through school.

# Editorially Speaking

## Reminiscence Or Anticipation?

Today is Charter day. Such a statement has probably appeared in some form or other every Feb. 15 for the past 69 years. With every celebration of the university's birthday comes a great deal of reminiscence over past accomplishments and past failures, and memories of the days "way back when" are brought alive on the university campus once more.

Human beings are peculiar in that they receive their greatest delight from looking back over the years and picking out bright spots here and there with which to soothe their tormented souls. In fact, human nature and human pride usually prompt one to spend so much time reminiscing that thought for the future and plans for what is to come are sadly neglected.

It's rather like the situation which exists when we of the human race go in search of our ancestors rather than coming to the conclusion that what we are ourselves, and what we are doing is what matters, so that ten generations from now someone may discover with pride that he can trace his lineage to us. That is the important thing.

Thus, with all our reminiscing today, why not give a little thought to the future and consider ways and means by which improvements can be made so that 69 more years from now N. U.'s students may point with pride to what has been accomplished by former generations?

## The Board of Regents Meets Today

The board of regents meets today and whether or not the Great Cathedral choir will become affiliated with the university will depend upon the outcome of that meeting. Appearing in the Student Pulse columns of the Daily Nebraskan today is student comment written in adverse criticism of the move to incorporate the choir as a unit of the university. Much of the criticism appearing in the pulse is built upon misconceptions surrounding the manner of affiliating the choir with the university. Thus, it seems necessary to clear up a few faulty ideas which have grown up as a result of voluntary action on the part of the student council and the haphazard council in support of annexing the Lincoln Cathedral choir to the university.

Criticism, such as that appearing in the Student Pulse, has arisen due to the belief that if the choir is annexed as a part of the university it will add a financial load to the shoulders of the already overburdened university. Those responsible for the choir have refuted this argument in a written statement in which it is explained that the choir does not expect the university to assume the running expenses of the choir, including the cost of music, musical instruments such as pianos and organ, choir robes, choir tours,

and fees or salaries of individual members or conductors. Expenses for the items named will be assumed only by the choir and any trip funds will also be taken care of by the choir itself. Thus, the only burden which the university will be forced to assume is the provision of the choir with permanent quarters in some campus building—not the Student Union building as falsely reported in some campus comments.

The pulse also implies that the inclusion of the choir as a unit in the university will naturally divest other choral groups of their full strength and lure the personnel from one choral group into another. The purpose and quality of the choir naturally makes discrimination a necessity in the choice of individual members and thereby limits the total number in the choir. Such discrimination and plans of the choir could not be altered materially after this affiliation; therefore it is highly significant that the choir will not affect any now existing parts of the university any more, or, in a different manner after the affiliation than before.

As for the choir being a means of crushing other musical groups on the campus, it seems rather illogical. As the present choir is organized, and would be after affiliation with the university, the aim of the choir is religious and non-sectarian in nature. The choral group does not exist for the purpose of affording only musical training for its participants, but it also lives with the dream of some day building a great cathedral which might serve as a religious center for the religious activities of the university. Non-sectarian in nature, the cathedral would be open to members of all faiths, all creeds and all races. Thus, the annexation of the choir to the university would lead to further realization of the establishment of an integrated religious division in the university, a unit which is non-existent in the institution at the present time.

The belief upheld by the writer of the Student Pulse to the effect that Lincoln people would be denied the right to musical participation if the choir should join the university is a bit ridiculous when one considers the fact that eleven-twelfths of the choir is composed of students enrolled in the university at the present time. What few Lincoln people that would be excluded from participation in the choir would not be significant when one considers the vast number of church choirs in the city that would gladly welcome a few additional members.

These are the facts surrounding the question of affiliating the choir. They represent an opportunity to affiliate a nationally known choir as a unit of the university, the only stipulation being the provision of permanent quarters for the choir. The university in return would gain the distinction of possessing a highly esteemed choir under its organization and in later years it would probably result in the building of a cathedral which would form the religious center of the campus. It does seem too good to be true, B. N., but nevertheless it is true.

## Student Pulse

### A Student Views The Cathedral Choir

To the Editor:

This is my first attempt at breaking into print in the official organ of the Nebraska university, and in all probability will never be printed. But I simply can't keep still after all of the articles, editorials, etc., which came out in the Cathedral choir edition of the paper recently.

I wonder if the student council ever stopped to think that you don't get anything in this world for nothing? Or for as close to nothing as the Cathedral choir seems to be offering itself? There is bound to be a nigger in the woodpile someplace, and the wisest thing to do would be to find it before saddling the university with more responsibility. It already has more than it can adequately care for.

By the way, did they stop to think also that there is an organization started just this last semester which, given the support, both moral and financial, of the university, bids fair to make a name for itself within a very short time? In case you hadn't heard of it, it's known as the University Singers. I've often wondered why the Nebraska university has been without an a cappella choir for so many years, when so many various organizations were sponsoring them, and making national reputa-

tions with them. Now that they are at least started, you would crush that with the bringing in of somewhat alien (at least) material.

And have you ever stopped to think of the other side of it? The Cathedral choir as it now stands, offers a musical outlet to the people of Lincoln wishing to sing, which would be closed to them, were it to become a university organization. Perhaps the majority of the members are university students, but some of them aren't, and they're going to feel cheated.

Perhaps I'm of too cynical a mind, too skeptical, but I still can't quite assimilate this idea of a nationally known choir being offered on a silver platter, just for the taking. Why? What's the reason, the purpose behind this sudden generosity? They've existed for nearly ten years without the university's aid—why this sudden change of heart? This sudden need of a savior, in the guise of the university? It's against all the rules of the game as now played by the world at large, and the university in general, to get something for nothing.

Until those questions can be settled without any doubt, action should be delayed. Far, far better to exist another few months without the Great Cathedral choir, than to jump wildly at the first opportunity, and find that it's not quite so rosy as it seemed at first glance. I'm not meaning to insinuate there is anything wrong—I'm merely saying it looks rather "odd."

B. N.

## WELL, NOW, AFTER THINKING IT OVER . . .

Der Fuehrer's bomb-shell seems to have exploded in his face. His governmental shakeup meets with a cold reception abroad. Italy gets together with Great Britain to stop intervention in Spain. And now Rumania's anti-Semitic ministry is out. The new dictator regime is openly aiming at friendship with Great Britain and France.

So Hitler finds himself without friends and apparently thinks it's time to be getting together a few of the neighbors on his side. He hastily sends his deposed ambassador back to Vienna and arranges a meeting with Chancellor Von Schuschnigg of Austria to see if the two countries can't get together. He disregards his antagonism to the church long enough to send official representatives to the pope's coronation anniversary mass. He makes concessions to Pastor Niemoller, leader of the protestant opposition, now facing a reopening of his trial.

All this from the up-to-now self-sufficient and self-assured reichsfuehrer is a long way to go and pretty much of a let-down from his colossal coup of last week.

## IT'S NO SKIN OFF YOUR NOSE

The Nipponese government is not to be bothered with accounting to Great Britain and the United States for her increased navy. Without waiting for the Feb. 20 deadline, officials dispatch a note which makes it plain that her naval operations are of no concern to these governments. Japan can't be concerned because these countries signed a treaty to increase their navies to match that of any other power, says the note.

Japan is ready, however, to discuss quantitative limitation of navies. All the fuss over the possibility of the Japanese navy's coming over the ocean to bother other nations is without grounds, her officials insist.

All of which is only pretty straight repetition of subtle suggestions that these countries might well mind their own business and leave Japan to her own war. They have set a naval build-up as the alternative, and they can let the case lie or they can begin their building.

## Dr. Sandstrom Speaks To Phi Lambda Upsilon Group 7:30 Thursday

Dr. W. M. Sandstrom, national vice president of the Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary chemistry fraternity, will be in Lincoln on a tour of inspection and will address the local chapter Thursday evening, Feb. 17, at 7:30, in the Avery chemistry laboratory. Dr. Sandstrom is also professor of chemistry at the university farm, University of Minnesota.

## Daily Nebraskan

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Horse sense is pure fiction, according to Professor E. A. Trowbridge, mule expert at the University of Missouri, but mule sense is something else again. A mule is more valuable than a horse because he will refuse to work when he knows his health is endangered, he said.

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